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I have the honour to refer to paragraph 5 of Security Council resolution 1011 (1995) of 16 August 1995, in which the Council requested me to report on my efforts for the preparation and convening, at the earliest possible time, of the Regional Conference on Security, Stability and Development in the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa.

In a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council on 23 August (S/1995/735), I informed the Council that I had appointed Mr. José Luis Jésus as my Special Envoy for this purpose. My Special Envoy has now returned from the region, where he held high-level consultations with the Organization of African Unity and the Governments of Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania. He has reported to me that most of these Governments supported the idea of a regional conference.

The Government of Rwanda, on the other hand, expressed strong opposition to the idea of such a conference. The Government of Uganda also indicated that it was not keen to have the United Nations actively involved in this process.

Notwithstanding these reservations, the United Nations will continue to monitor developments in the region and I shall revert to the Security Council if it appears that conditions exist for the successful convening of a conference.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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